

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of :
Naoto HIRAMATSU : HIGH-STRENGTH AUSTENITIC
Kouki TOMIMURA : STAINLESS STEEL STRIP HAVING
Hiroshi FUJIMOTO : EXCELLENT FLATNESS AND
Kenichi MORIMOTO : METHOD OF MANUFACTURING
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend section headings and amend specification paragraphs as follows.

Please replace the title beginning at page 1, line 1 with the following rewritten title:

A1 HIGH-STRENGTH AUSTENITIC STAINLESS STEEL STRIP HAVING EXCELLENT
FLATNESS AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURING SAME

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